

## **REMARKS**

1. An Office Action requiring Applicants to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits was mailed September 8, 2008. Claims 1-36 were last presented for examination. By the foregoing Amendments, no claims have been amended, added or cancelled. Thus, upon entry of this paper, claims 1-36 will remain pending in this application. Of these thirty-six (36) claims, five (5) claims (claims 1, 25, 34, 35 and 36) are independent claims. In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement, Applicants submit this Response to Election/Restriction Requirement.

### ***Election/Restriction***

2. The Examiner has required the election of a single invention for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner alleged that the originally filed claims are directed to the following two (2) patentably distinct inventions:

- I.* Claims 1-33, drawn to a power management system for supplying power to an output circuit, classified in class 320, subclass 116.
- II.* Claims 34-36, drawn to a method of forming a patterned conductive element for an implantable medical device, classified in class 607, subclass 61.

### ***Provisional Election***

4. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.143 and MPEP 818.03(b), Applicants hereby provisionally elect, without traverse, the claims of Group 1, namely, claims 1-33.
5. Applicants do not intend to dedicate non-elected claims to the public and reserve the right to file divisional applications for the subject matter covered by the non-elected claims.
6. The inventorship for the invention of the elected claims is the same as the inventorship of record in this application.

***Conclusion***

7. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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